

House File 2182 - Introduced

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BY HEATON

A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to the requirements for psychologist licensing.

2 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

1 Section 1. Section 154B.6, Code 2014, is amended by adding
2 the following new subsection:

3 NEW SUBSECTION. 3. A person who possesses a doctoral degree
4 in psychology from an institution approved by the board but who
5 has not completed the other requirements for licensure under
6 this section may apply for a provisional license. The license
7 shall be designated as a "provisional license in psychology".
8 The provisional license shall authorize the licensee to
9 practice psychology under the supervision of a supervisor who
10 meets the qualifications determined by the board by rule. A
11 provisional license shall be valid for a period of two years.
12 The fee for a provisional license shall be set by the board to
13 cover the administrative costs of issuance. The board shall
14 also set a fee for renewal of a provisional license.

15 EXPLANATION

16 The inclusion of this explanation does not constitute agreement with
17 the explanation's substance by the members of the general assembly.

18 This bill relates to the requirements for psychologist
19 licensing.

20 Under current law in Code section 154B.6, an applicant
21 for licensure as a psychologist in this state must possess a
22 doctoral degree in psychology from an institution approved
23 by the board of psychology, have completed at least one
24 year of supervised professional experience under the
25 supervision of a licensed psychologist, and have passed an
26 examination administered by the board to assure the applicant's
27 professional competence. The examination requirement may be
28 waived by the board if the applicant has a certificate from
29 another state with similar requirements to Iowa or holds by
30 examination a specialty diploma.

31 The bill establishes a new licensing category designated
32 as a "provisional license in psychology". To qualify, the
33 person must possess a doctoral degree in psychology from a
34 board-approved institution.

35 The provisional license authorizes the licensee to practice

1 psychology under the supervision of a supervisor who meets the
2 qualifications determined by the board by rule. A provisional
3 license is valid for a period of two years. The fee for a
4 provisional license is to be set by the board to cover the
5 administrative costs of issuance. The board also is to set a
6 fee for renewal of a provisional license.